

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 2 - 9 are canceled.

Claim 10. (new) A carrier for transporting equipment, said carrier comprising:  
a spine member removable engageable in a hitch receiver of a vehicle;  
a pin for securing said spine member to said hitch receiver;  
equipment mounting hardware;  
said equipment mounting hardware includes a platform removably mounted onto said spine member;  
a flexible cover removably mountable on said platform;  
and  
attachment devices for securing said equipment mounting hardware to said spine member.

Claim 11. (new) The carrier of claim 10 wherein said equipment mounting hardware further includes:  
an enclosed cargo box mountable onto said platform.

Claim 12. (new) The carrier of claim 10 wherein said equipment mounting hardware further includes:  
an enclosed cargo box mountable onto said spine member.

Claim 13. (new) The carrier of claim 10 wherein said equipment mounting hardware further includes:  
elongated members having "C" shaped channels formed therein mountable onto said spine member.

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14. (new) The carrier of claim 10 wherein said equipment mounting hardware further includes:

elongated members having "C" shaped channels formed there mountable onto said platform.

15. (new) A carrier for transporting equipment, said carrier comprising:

a spine member removable engageable in a hitch receiver of a vehicle;

a pin for securing said spine member to said hitch receiver;

equipment mounting hardware;

said equipment mounting hardware includes at least one elongated member having a "C" shaped channel mountable onto said spine member; and

attachment devices for securing said equipment mounting hardware to said spine member.

16. (new) The carrier of claim 15 wherein said carrier further includes:

an enclosed cargo box mountable onto said spine member.

17. (new) The carrier of claim 15 wherein said carrier further includes:

a platform mountable onto said spine member.

18. (new) The carrier of claim 15 wherein said carrier further includes:

a platform mountable onto said spine member; and

a flexible cover mountable onto said platform.

19. (new) The carrier of claim 15 wherein said carrier further includes:

a platform mountable onto said spine member; and

an enclosed box mountable onto said platform.

20. (new) The carrier of claim 15 wherein said carrier further includes:

a platform mountable onto said spine member; and

at least one elongated member having a "C" shaped channel mountable on said platform.

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